



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4709
Serial No. 10/688,762	Filing Date October 17, 2003	Examiner To be Assigned	Group Art Unit
Inventor: Sumihito Morita et al.			
Title of Invention THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING PARTIAL INSULATING LAYER FORMED ON BOTTOM POLE LAYER THROUGH GAP LAYER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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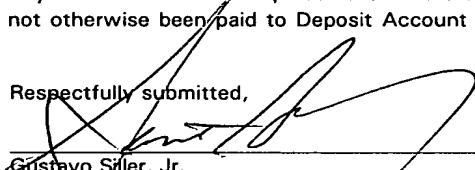
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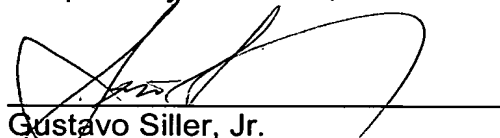
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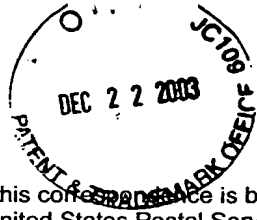
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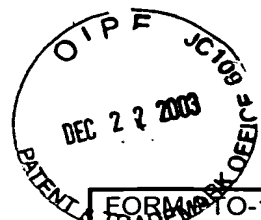
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	B2	05-006514	01/1993	Japan		X	
	B3	08-339508	12//1996	Japan		X	
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